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- 1) Letter of Transmittal (1 page)
- 2) Response to Office Action (6 pages)
- 3) Clean Version of Amended Claims (2 pages)
- 4) Petition for Three-Month Extension of Time (1 page)

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In re Application of: Hochrein et al.

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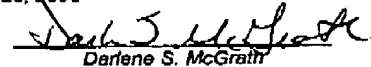
Serial No.: 09/401,595

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of Biodegradable Matter

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Dear Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the U.S. Patent and
Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified Patent Application:

1. Request for Continued Examination (1 page);
2. Amendment Under CFR 1.312 (6 pages);
3. Clean Version of Amended Claims (2 pages); and
4. Petition for Extension of Time (1 page).

**THE COMMISSIONER IS HEREBY AUTHORIZED AND IS REQUESTED
TO CHARGE ALL FILING FEES DUE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.16 AND ALL
OTHER FEES DUE UNDER §1.17 DURING THE PENDENCY OF THIS
APPLICATION TO OUR DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 07-1729.**

Respectfully submitted,



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